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1. Four jet aircraft  

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  took off from the Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) airfield at 8 a.m. on 17 March 1950 and headed east. They were not seen to return that day. A Soviet Air Force lieutenant said that as a pilot he used to take part in training flights to Poland with jet planes. The return flight was usually made the following day.\*

2. Jet aircraft   were standing along the southern edge of the railroad line on 24 April 1950. A maximum of 20 jet planes has been seen at the field. Jet planes were not seen to make night or bad weather flights. A glassed-in watch-tower, usually occupied by three persons, was erected on the small hangar. Trucks   were seen at the field. Radio truck   was near the radio station opposite the main guardhouse.

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3. There was bad weather and no flying at the field between 15 and 29 April 1950 except on 19, 20 and 28 April 1950. On the average, four jet planes were parked on the southern edge of the field.\*\*

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  The remaining jet planes were parked on the landing field only on flying days. The road to Elsterwerda (N 52/A 03) was generally closed to traffic passing the airfield during flight training. Jet plane flights in bad

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weather or at night were not seen. It was noticed that biplanes continually circled the airfield at a low altitude when jet aircraft were used for practice flights. A biplane took off daily from the field at about 5 p.m. and headed west.

4. It was observed on 19 April 1950 that four jet planes [ ] coming from the west, landed at the field at 7:55 a.m. The planes rolled along the large runway to a stop at about the runway intersection and taxied back to the western end of the runway. It was noticed that the planes had a two-man crew and air exhaust under the mid-fuselage. Eighteen more jet planes and eight tank trucks were parked at the western end of the runway. Two biplanes and one single-engine monoplane with green paint were also seen at the field. [ ]

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[ ] The flights lasted between 15 and 30 minutes. The planes were sometimes flying above the limit of haze and ragged clouds.

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- \* [ ] comment. This is the first information on flights to Poland. It is not known whether courier or training flights are concerned. The performance of such flights is considered credible as the fighter regiments were stationed in the Liegnitz area prior to their transfer to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

- \*\* [ ] comment. From the observation that four jet aircraft were permanently parked outside the hangars it is concluded that these planes are kept ready for take-offs in case of alert. The same observation was made at three other Soviet Zone airfields occupied by jet planes.

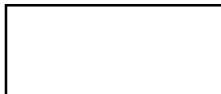
- \*\*\* [ ] comment. [ ] confirms the occupation of the field by jet aircraft [ ]

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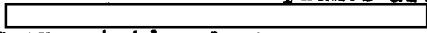
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The aircraft seen at the field probably are not all from Grossenhain. Most of the planes are in the hangars.  two fighter regiments are stationed at the field. The third regiment assigned to the same division is located in Brandis.

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